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Botha, who succeeded Joubert, has not won much of a reputation. As a General he is the Coxey of the Transvaal.

If the powers really mean to interfere in China and take control there, that ancient Empire will need no reform at the hands of the friends of Kang Yu Wei. Europe, by dividing it up, will give that country so much reform and so many changes that even Confucius will not know the place when he revisits the glimpses of the moon.

Oom Paul, if not captured, is probably on his way to Portuguese territory where he would be safe from British hands. We doubt that Lord Roberts is very anxious to take him, for Oom Paul, as a prisoner of state, would awaken the world's sympathy, while as a comfortable exile in Europe he would soon pass out of view along with Don Carlos and various South American Presidential exiles.

Who is doing all this talk about anti-Boer feeling, revenge, etc.? The Advertiser, of course. Among the leaders of the Independent party we hear nothing about these bogies which are acting like a nightmare to Editor Thurston—Independent.

Indeed? When the Advertiser discovered and exposed the plot about the middle of last April the Independent said: "There is probably more truth than poetry in the Advertiser's latest political horoscope." What has happened since to change the Independent's mind?

The charge that the Advertiser did not report the remarks made by the Queen to her native followers correctly has been looked into and found to be merely impertinent. Liliuokalani was not misrepresented. She has been heard to voice regret that her advice to punish Curtis Iaukea for his effort to make a haole chairman of the Republican Territorial Convention when a native was running, was allowed to reach this paper, but further than that she has made no complaint. Naturally her political friends do not like the whites to know that the Queen has drawn the race lines tightly but with that the Advertiser has nothing to do. It merely tells the news.

The Star, which is the only intelligent Republican paper in the evening field, is not deceived as to the objects of the Wilcox outfit. It says:

A certain part of the Hawaiian people has decided that it will be an excellent thing for the advancement of the Territory to draw the color line. It must be remembered that it is the Hawaiians themselves who have decided upon this distinction. We shall be told by and by that whites have drawn the line. It cannot be too soon understood that it is the Hawaiians or a section of them, which has decided to make distinction—not the whites. The Republican and Democratic parties here have thrown their ranks open without distinction of color. They have formed on the broad lines of manhood suffrage, and are based upon opinion, not on prejudice.

What this group of men intend to do is to play upon the prejudices of their fellow-countrymen, and have a distinct anti-white party.

What is more they are free to say as much privately, though in public utterances they try to disarm suspicion. But all the same these fatuous Royalist societies imagine that they are to have an easy task in driving the white annexationist to the wall and undoing the work of reform in these Islands.

## DEMOCRACY AND PORTO RICO

The Hawaiian Democratic platform says: "We denounce as unconstitutional and vicious the law just passed by a Republican Congress which, while it purports to give the annexed territory of Porto Rico the full benefits which flow from its becoming a part of a great and free people, among whom the claim of equal rights to all is never openly contested, yet denies to it the Constitutional guarantee that 'all duties, imposts and excises shall be uniform throughout the United States.'"

In the sense which entitles a Territory to come under the Constitutional tariff and excise clauses, Porto Rico is still in the same exterior position occupied by the Philippines. It is not a part of the Union though belonging to it. The thirteenth amendment recognizes that the United States Government has the rights of colonial establishment; it speaks of "the United States or any place subject to their jurisdiction." Porto Rico being merely subject to American jurisdiction, has no lawful power to demand the privileges of a Territory and the Republican Congress violates no confidence which the American people have reposed in it by refusing it such privileges.

But what sort of a Hawaiian party is this which urges Congress to give the sugar of Porto Rico an equal show with that of Hawaii in the American market? Is the Hawaiian Democracy so short-sighted and so locally disloyal as to want to raise up competitors for the staple which gives these Islands their prosperity? Is it prepared to hold that a Republican policy which indirectly does so much for Hawaii without violating the Constitutional rights of any other place is "vicious"? If so the Republicans are quite ready to meet it on that issue.

## STATEHOOD OF POLITICAL ORIGIN.

Among the fantastic notions which the old Royalist societies have drawn as the German philosopher did his idea of a camel, from their inner consciousness, is that the natives, by showing that they can take care of themselves outside the Republican and Democratic parties, may thereby convince Congress that Hawaii is fit for Statehood. This curious thought is expressed by the Independent, which apparently knows no more about American politics than one of its kahuna friends does about the nebular hypothesis. We quote:

Why should the Hawaiian party, immaterial of the color of the skin, join parties the principles of which they are yet ignorant, with whom they have nothing in common, simply at the bidding of Mr. Thurston? What is it to us whether the Democrats or Republicans or the middle-of-the-road Populists, or the fusion Populists or the Prohibitionists, etc., prevail at the elections in the States. Hawaii is a Territory and will remain so for many years to come, and we think it the wisest plan for the Hawaiians to use this transition period to establishing a good government and, when applying for Statehood, be able to point to the records of the Territory and say to Congress: "This is what we have done; this is the evidence that we are capable of taking care of ourselves and fit for the privileges of Statehood."

Congress has never consented to admit as a State any Territory where the political sentiment did not run on American lines. Because of the presence of a large Spanish-speaking body of voters in Arizona and New Mexico, voters whose ideals and sympathies are un-American, Congress has steadily refused, in one case for over forty years, to confer upon those Territories the boon of Statehood. Impunity is in vain; Congress always says: "Wait until your Territory is thoroughly Americanized; then we will consider your request."

When other Territories were admitted to the Union—at least those that came in since the first inauguration of Lincoln—the decision to let them in was always political. Take Nevada as an example—an immense State now, with a population no larger than that of Honolulu! It was admitted simply because it had a Republican majority that would give the party the votes of two additional Senators and of a body of Presidential electors. Colorado and Wyoming, Washington and Dakota were let in for the same reasons and no other and for the time being, saying nothing of future political changes, they served their purpose. They were wanted for politics and they gave politics.

Hawaii in turn will have to give reasons for the controlling political party to bid it into the Union or else it will stay out among the waiting suppliants in the ante-room. An Independent native party, controlling Hawaii, offering no certain aid to Republicans or Democrats or both, could make no impression upon Congress with an appeal to Statehood. It might knock for a century and the door would not open. Why should either Republicans or Democrats fling wide the portal to people who want nothing to do with either of them?

There is but one way for the natives to help the cause of Statehood and that is to become American themselves and accept American politics with all the rest. For ourselves we believe they can reach further from the Republican basis than any other. The Southern Democrats want none of them. Men like Tillman say they wish nothing to do with the "colored populations" which annexation has brought in and assuredly the South would veto any Democratic proposal to make Hawaii a State with an independent native majority. No need of electoral votes would overcome the Southern antipathy to color. So in the final analysis the only chance for the natives is in and through the Republican party and only then by joining it and becoming its helpful and faithful members.

## THE END IN SIGHT.

The collapse of the Boer defence just as the British troops reached the strongest position the enemy had, is, to say the least, an unexpected circumstance. Freedom-loving men who had done so well in the hills behind earthworks, who are destitute of fear in battle and who have the Dutch traits of stubbornness, might be supposed to hold out indefinitely in a great modern fortress like Pretoria. When the war began, the Boer capital was thought to be good for a two or three year siege. Its forts, splendidly built and armed were located where no army could approach without long exposure in a zone of fire. Its commissariat was full. The soldiers who were expected to garrison it for a last stand were soon to become veterans. There was the incentive to hold out in the thought that England might at any time get involved in war with some great power. Yet, despite all this, the moment Roberts' Army came in sight of Pretoria, that stronghold fell as the walls of Jericho did at the blast of the ram's horn.

What was the reason? In default of a better explanation we must assume that the property-owning burghers of the capital refused to risk their holdings in a bombardment and forced Krueger, himself a property-owning burgher, to abandon the defence. The spirit of commercialism is the strongest enemy of war. As wealth increases the destructive appetite which inspires all war decays; and since the Rand was opened the wealth of the Boers has been mounting up enormously. There are Boer millionaires now who believe that freedom is a prize to be parted with before wealth and to these, perhaps, the collapse of Boer resistance to the Queen's power, is measurably due.

The remnants of Botha's army have taken to the hills but we doubt that they will choose the part of guerrilla fighters for a lost cause. With the Free State gone; with Johannesburg and Pretoria gone, what is there left to fight for? Nothing but revenge and that is a commodity the price of which is always high.

## THE CLOVEN HOOF.

The Independent denies that its native party is un-American and in the course of much evasion and subterfuge says:

The Hawaiians will construe the words (of the Queen) to mean that their duty is to be loyal to the Stars and Stripes. All we can do now is to become good American citizens.

Now turn to this paragraph and see the quality of Mr. Testa's Americanism and of his love for the Stars and Stripes:

The lack of tact displayed by the Government and more especially by the Board of Education was shown again when Hawaiian pupils of the High School were asked to assist in the hoisting of the American flag on June 14th. Can't these people let well enough alone? They have got all they wanted; they have killed what was dearer than parents and children to the Hawaiians, and now they ask them to dance on the grave of the independence of their country. For shame! Have these men and women no hearts, no feelings? Our children will all become good American citizens, but they will always remember that they are "forced" Americans. Spare their hands to the rope which finally sends the foreign flag floating over the home of our dead allies. It is easy of course for the school teachers to find ceremony, but we are sure it must be some whose parents and guardians are not here and who do not realize the intense sadness of the affair.

Here we have an alleged American

citizen protesting that other "Americans" of his kind should not be asked to do honor to the American flag. His sort of patriots tell their children to consider themselves "forced Americans;" they call the Stars and Stripes a "foreign flag;" they urge the ancient line of separation—the racial or color line, and then they turn with smug impudence and say that all the anti-haole talk and all the talk about revenge comes from another quarter.

Verily no one can be fooled by this sort of humbug. It's too transparent.

When the Queen asks the natives to boycott Curtis Iaukea because he voted for a white man in the Republican convention as against a native, it is useless to say that no anti-haole campaign is pending.

## OF CURRENT INTEREST.

### Lunch Basket Brigade.

"The Parisian Phillistine who is licking his chops in anticipation of rich pickings from exposition visitors is booked for some painful surprises," as a prominent railway traffic man figures it out. "He will make the acquaintance of a type of Americans who are comparatively strangers to the gay French capital. I refer to what was known at the Chicago world's fair as the 'Lunch Basket Brigade.' It was not by any means composed exclusively of farmers, but, on the contrary, most of its members were bright, wide-awake young people from towns and cities, who were determined to see the big show at the least possible expense. They had figured the whole thing out months in advance, and reduced economy to a scientific formula that simply defied extortion. The numerous world's fair wolves, who fully expected to devour all strangers on sight, gave up the basket brigade as a bad job, and its memory is still a source of bitterness and reviling. My observation of recent travel convinces me that exactly the same element will be conspicuous among the exposition visitors from this side."

### The Swollen Captain.

Not long ago Sir William Vernon Harcourt dined on an English man-of-war, and a storm coming up the captain, who was a very small man, persuaded him to occupy his stateroom for the night. The steward was not notified of the arrangement, and the following morning at 6 o'clock he brought a cup of coffee to the captain's door. Knocking twice without receiving a reply was most unusual, so he hastily pushed open the door and inquired: "Don't you wish your coffee this morning, sir?" Sir William gave a snore and the steward was amazed to see a huge figure turn over under the bedclothes. Smash went the cup and saucer, and the frightened sailor tore off to the surgeon's office. "For heaven's sake, sir," he gasped, "come to the captain! He's speechless and swollen to ten times his natural size!"

### What the Yellow Cards Mean.

Our fellow countrymen who are going to the Paris exposition without a thorough knowledge of the ways of the city of light must not be afraid of the yellow tickets they see on door jambs, suggests a Gotham gossip. They do not indicate quarantine because of infectious diseases, but simply inform one that there are furnished apartments which win for the wayfarer a white ticket similarly situated means that apartments or rooms unfurnished are to be had. In New York the searcher after apartments is embarrassed by the necessity of climbing high stoops to read on a small white card what kind of accommodations are offered. The Parisians avoid this by coloring the ticket so that the searcher may see across the street what he is or is not looking for.

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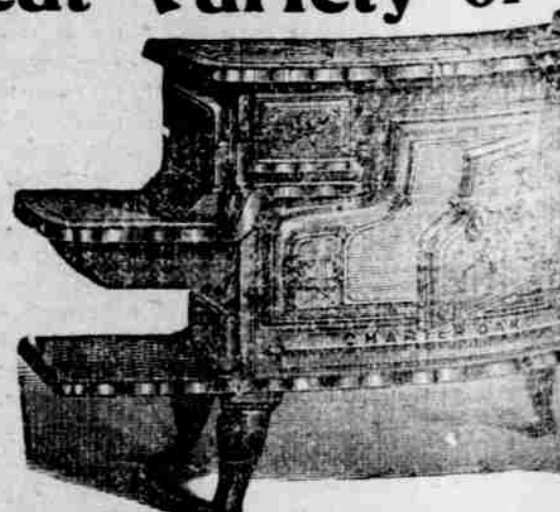
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